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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance by the Examiner of Claims 24, 25, 27-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 47 and 48 is further acknowledged and appreciated.

The indication that Claims 8-10, 13-18, 20-23, 45 and 46 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations from the base claim and any intervening claims is still further acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-35, 37-41 and 43-48 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-7, 11 and 12 stand rejected.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 15 and 22 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1, 13, 15 and 22 have been amended to alleviate the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-4, 7, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dixit et al '558 in view of Zhou '353.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to further recite the limitations contained in dependent Claim 8, which is cancelled as a result. The newly amended independent Claim 1 is therefore equivalent to dependent Claim 8 being rewritten into independent

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form to include all of the limitations contained in the base claim 1, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 1 and its dependent Claims 2-4, 7, 11 and 12 under 35 USC §103(a) is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dixit et al, in view of Zhou et al, and further in view of Chang et al '842.

Claims 5 and 6 depend on the newly amended independent claim 1, which the Applicants have shown is now allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of Claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC §103(a) is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-23, 45 and 46 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 24, 25, 27-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 47, and 48 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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